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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING PROTECTION CIRCUIT IMPLEMENTED BY  
BIPOLAR TRANSISTOR FOR DISCHARGING STATIC CHARGE CURRENT AND  
PROCESS OF FABRICATION

**RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 15, 2002 COMMUNICATION FROM EXAMINER AND  
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the October 15, 2002 Communication from the Examiner alleging that Applicant's July 26, 2002 response to the May 6, 2002 Office Action failed to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c), Applicant respectfully states:

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-15 and 17-30 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

In the October 15, 2002 Communication, the Examiner indicated that the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed on July 26, 2002 allegedly failed to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c), and therefore was not fully responsive to the May 6, 2002 Office Action.

Applicant's undersigned representative reviewed the claim amendments, and contacted the Examiner on October 25, 2002 to point out that the claim amendments did comply with 37 C.F.R. §

## RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

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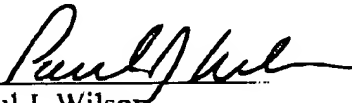
1.121(c). Applicant's undersigned representative contacted the Examiner on October 29, 2002 to further discuss the claim amendments, and during the conversation, the Examiner agreed with Applicant's undersigned representative the October 15, 2002 Communication was erroneous with respect to the claim amendments not complying with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c). Thus, Applicant is filing this Request for Reconsideration in order to make it clear on the record that the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed on July 26, 2002 was fully responsive to the May 6, 2002 Office Action.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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